

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
PROGRAMS, GRANTS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

November 20, 2014

Arts Commission Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Nancy Stewart, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Pam Hicks, Allen Platt, Nancy Stewart

Members via teleconference: Al Rent, Micah Smith

Members absent: Linda Levell, Trevor Yager

Arts Commission staff present: Michelle Anderson, Sarah Fronczek, Dennis Hardin, Becca Hopson, Lewis Ricci, Paige Sharp

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Commissioner Nancy Stewart called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. **Consent Agenda.** Commissioner Allen Platt moved to adopt the consent agenda, consisting of the agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the August 28, 2014 meeting of the Programs, Grants and Services Committee. Commissioner Pam Hicks seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Hicks	Yes
Platt	Yes
Rent	Yes
Stewart	Yes

The motion passed.

3. **Community Cultural Planning Consultancies Update.** Arts Commission Deputy Director Michelle reported on the conclusion of the several Community Cultural Planning Consultancies.

4. **Cultural Districts Update.** Arts Commission Director of Programs Paige Sharp reported that the application review panel met on November 5 and scored applications from the towns of Elkhart, Madison and New Harmony. The applications from Elkhart and New Harmony did not attain the minimum score required. Ms. Sharp reported that there was an anomaly in the scoring of the application from Madison, with one panel member's score widely out of line with the other panelists' scores. The committee discussed the issue and came to a consensus that further clarification would be needed. Commissioner Hicks moved to recommend that a site visit be made to Madison to better

determine its eligibility as a Statewide Cultural District. Commissioner Platt seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Hicks	Yes
Platt	Yes
Rent	Yes
Stewart	Yes

The motion passed.

Commissioner Platt moved to decline the qualification of the towns of Elkhart and New Harmony as Statewide Cultural Districts, based on their panel review scores. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Hicks	Yes
Platt	Yes
Rent	Yes
Stewart	Yes

The motion passed.

5. Capacity Building Updates. Ms. Sharp reported that contracts and award letters for CY 2015 Capacity Building Program Grants are being sent out to grantees. Discussions are under way to determine topics for upcoming Capacity Building colloquia. Mr. Ricci reported that the newly-appointed Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, Jane Chu, will be coming to the State of Indiana on March 6 – 7, 2015, and that the Arts Commission will be participating in the events surrounding her visit.

6. Arts in Education Update. Arts Commission Community Development Manager/Arts Education Coordinator Sarah Fronczek reported that the State Poet Laureate, George Kalamaras, presented a teacher workshop recently at Butler University, which was well-attended. Ms. Fronczek reported that the deadline for schools to register for the state-wide Poetry Out Loud competition is November 21, although that is a “soft” deadline and she continues to encourage schools to enter the program. So far, 25 schools have indicated that they will hold competitions and send contestants to the state finals to be held in Indianapolis on February 21. Ms. Fronczek reported on progress with the newly-established Partnering Arts, Communities and Education (PACE) program, which encourages under-performing elementary schools to partner with particular arts projects over time. The pilot project for this program will involve just a few schools, which are being identified by the Arts Commission’s Regional Arts Partners. Mr. Ricci remarked that this program is a good use of arts-in-education funds which come from the Cultural Trust fund.

7. Staff Update. Ms. Anderson reported that second-round interviews have been completed for the two staff vacancies, and that employment offers will be made soon.

8. Eligibility for Operating Support Update. Commissioner Stewart thanked everyone who has worked on the review of eligibility requirements for receiving operating support grants from the Arts Commission. The eligibility review subcommittee consisted of Commissioners Allen Platt, Micah Smith, and Nancy Stewart, along with input from staff members. The eligibility committee has created guidelines (attached) and a timeline for implementation for FY 2016 (attached). Applying organizations will be required to submit a survey (attached) which will be reviewed to assist in the determination of eligibility to apply. The Programs, Grants and Services Committee has been empowered by the full Commission to establish such guidelines. Commissioner Hicks moved to adopt the Arts Operating Support Guidelines as presented. Commissioner Platt seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Hicks	Yes
Platt	Yes
Rent	Yes
Smith	Yes
Stewart	Yes

The motion passed.

9. Bicentennial Update. Mr. Ricci reported that the ad-hoc advisory committee met recently to discuss the importance of Arts Commission participation in the Indiana Bicentennial celebration, and the specific programs being offered.

10. Old Business. There was no old business.

11. New Business. Ms Sharp reported that the Request for Proposal (RFP) approach to becoming a Regional Arts Partner has been launched, and a further update will be presented at the December meeting of the full Commission.

12. Adjourn. Commissioner Platt moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Hicks	Yes
Platt	Yes
Rent	Yes
Smith	Yes
Stewart	Yes.

The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.